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Title: Reported agitation by non-teaching employees of IITs for setting up a Pay Committee.

SHRI PRABODH PANDA (MIDNAPORE): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the House to a very important matter of urgent public importance.

About 12,000 IIT non-teaching employees are staging a mass agitation programme at all the IIT centres of our country. This mass agitation programme started since 5th February, 2009. The Union of all the IITs are united launching this movement. They have submitted the memorandums to the respective Directors of the IITs. They have even given their memorandums to the Union Government.

They are asking for fulfilling of mainly two demands. Number one, constitution of the Pay Committee to recommend pay-scales, allowances, etc., in respect of the IITs. The Sixth Pay Commission has submitted its recommendations to the Government about the pay, conditions and services of the Central Government employees. But nothing has been done in respect of the IIT employees.

The University Grants Commission has already appointed a Committee on 6th September, 2008 to review the scales of pay of teachers in the universities and colleges. There is a Standing Committee of the IIT Councils, which has proposed to set up two Committees. After deliberations, the Standing Committee recommended setting up of two Pay Committees, one for the Faculty and Scientific/ Design Staff of IITs and the second for the non-Faculty staff of IITs.

I would urge upon the Union Government to approve and sanction all these things.

I have to make another point, which is also a very important point. The 10th Year Plan of MSEB modified the career progression, which was approved at the 38th meeting of IIT Council. It is the highest decision making body in the IIT system. IIT is an autonomous body. I think, they should be given the opportunity to implement the decision.

The hon. Minister of Parliamentary Affairs is present here, and I hope, he would convey this to the concerned Minister because an immediate intervention is required in this matter. If this movement continues, the normal function of the IITs would be paralyzed. I would once again urge upon the Government to kindly intervene and take necessary steps in the matter.[r107]